

### [54] COMPUTER AND/OR SCANNER SYSTEM INCORPORATED INTO A GARMENT

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### [57] ABSTRACT

A portable data input or computer system includes a keyboard, another data input device such as an optical scanner, a data processor module, and a display. All of those system components are configured for carrying and/or securing on a garment, such as a vest. Typically, the garment has a number of pockets. The operator can wear the garment and carry the system components in pockets when not using them. At such times, the system components are out of the way. The display may be flipped up so that, when the system is in use, displayed data is visible to the operator without removing the display from the pocket. The operator may activate the keyboard with only one hand while it is still in its pocket, or the operator can remove the keyboard from the pocket, hold it in one hand and key in data with the other hand. To input other data, for example by scanning bar code type indicia, the operator removes the scanner from its pocket, points the scanner at the bar code and triggers the scanner to read the indicia. System batteries are contained in one or more separate pockets in the garment, and all signalling and power connections between the various components are provided by flexible cabling incorporated into the garment. The system is particularly easy to transport and operate.

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